

TOWN OF WESTFORD
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 11, 2002

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the Abbot School on Saturday, May 11, 2002, called to commence at 2:00 pm, the following business was transacted:

Election officers, using voting lists, acted as tellers at the doors. A total of 211 voters were in attendance.

Ellen Harde, Town Moderator, declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 2:25 pm.

ARTICLE 1: ELECTION OF TOWN CLERK BY PETITION

The following MOTION was duly made and seconded:

That Chapter 480 of the Acts of 1989, known as the Westford Home Rule Charter Act, be amended as follows:

The first sentence of the second paragraph of Section 9 which currently reads:

Said town manager shall appoint the board of assessors, the cemetery commission, the water commission, the recreation commission, the Roudenbush Community Center committee, a town clerk, a treasurer-collector and a tree warden

be amended by striking out the words “a town clerk,”

Section 16, which currently reads

The voters of the town of Westford shall, in accordance with any applicable laws bylaws, votes of the town, or interlocal agreement, continue to elect the following: board of selectmen, planning board, moderator, housing authority, school committee, library trustees and the board of health

by inserting the words “a town clerk” after the words “board of selectmen,”

and amending Section 19 which currently reads:

Any person holding a town office or employment under the town shall retain such office or employment and shall continue to perform their duties until provisions shall have been made in accordance with this act for the performance of said duties by another person or agency. No

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person in the permanent full time service or employment of the town shall forfeit pay grade for time in service

by inserting the following words after the first sentence:

Upon the effective date of the May 2002 amendment to this act, the person holding the office or appointed town clerk shall continue to serve in said office for the balance of the term of her contract and until the town election immediately following that term. Upon the expiration of said term or if a vacancy shall sooner occur, the office shall be elected in accordance with Section 16.

Board of Selectmen voted 4-1 not to recommend approval

A secret ballot vote was called for by more than 20 voters.

The Special Town Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm to resume with the annual Town Meeting while votes were counted by the tellers.

Special Town Meeting reconvened at 3:40 pm for the reading of the secret ballot tally results.

Aye votes: 143 Nay votes: 151

The motion FAILED for lack of a two-thirds vote.

The Special Town Meeting adjourned at 3:47 pm to return to the Annual Town Meeting.

A True Record: Attest

Kaari Mai Tari
Town Clerk